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same variations of growth shown in Fig. 9 of my notes (BULLETIN, p. 63). The figure of his aphyllous form would indicate an abortion of the leaves, there being a distinction made between stem and peduncle in the figure. In my specimen this was not so. The various forms were not accounted for by abortion of leaves—the occurrence of three-leaved forms would preclude that—but by the flower not being preceded by the same number of leaves, these varying from 3 to 0. Perhaps Prof. Porter's aphyllous form indicates that the leaves were *potentially* present.

AUG. F. FÖRSTE.

Proliferation in Phleum.—While driving in New Hampshire early in October I found a curious proliferous specimen of *Phleum pratense*. The spike was fully an inch thick, with tufts of spreading green leaves. A week later, in Massachusetts, I found a second specimen, with the same development, and a few days afterwards, in Connecticut, still another.

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Note on Sphærella polystigma, E. & E. (BULL. TORR. BOT. CLUB Vol. x., p. 127.)—This species has also been found at Newfield, N. J., on fallen leaves of *Quercus coccinea*, and a recent examination of these specimens, which were collected in the summer of 1883, shows that the endochrome of the sporidia becomes at length divided close to the narrow end of the spore, forming a pseudo-septum. This character was not noticed in the fresh specimens, but possibly may have been overlooked, though it is not by any means unusual for spores which are at first continuous to finally become septate, and especially so in those which are at first nucleate; so that two nuclei indicate the probable appearance of a septum; three nuclei of two septa; four, of three, and so on; a single septum appearing between the adjacent nuclei; and this fact is not to be lost sight of in estimating the value of genera founded on the septation of the spores.

The measurement of the sporidia (10–13x3.5–4 μ) was accidentally omitted.

J. B. ELLIS.

Wanted.—Any one having a perfect copy of Michaux's *Sylva* may hear of a purchaser upon stating terms to the editor of the BULLETIN.

Errata.—In Dr. Britton's article, in the August number of the BULLETIN, the following errata occur, and should be corrected as follows:

Under *Cyperus Buckleyi*, for "spikelets 15 lines wide" read "1.5 line wide." Under *Cyperus articulatus*, "spikelets 1–15 inches long" read "1–1.5 inch long," and for "showing" read "forming." On page 86, bottom line, and on page 87, line 20, read Nees for Rees.

On page 98, line 21, for "mode" read "made," and in line 34 for 1885 read 1884; on page 100, lines 30 and 31, the phrase beginning with "but" and ending with "*Empetrum*" should be enclosed in parenthesis. On page 105, line 4 from bottom, for 1857 read 1837.